

HANGING ELLIS CRAFT.

ANOTHER ACT IN THE ASHLAND TRAGEDY IN KENTUCKY.

The Victim Protecting his Innocence to the Last—A Triple Murder for which One Man has been Hanged by a Mob, One by the Law, and Another is Awaiting Trial.

GRAYSON, Ky., Oct. 12.—Last night Craft seemed more comfortable than he has yet been, and spent the early part in singing and praying with his spiritual adviser.

Soon after 9 A. M. the Sheriff read the death warrant, to which Craft listened respectfully, saying when it was finished:

"Gov. Knott will be sorry for this some day."

At about 8 o'clock the crowds began pouring in as though it was a circus day, and by 9 o'clock the little town was crowded to overflowing. The local railroad brought train after train of excursionists, all of whom scattered over the town, the majority coming to the jail, which was guarded by a sheriff's posse, armed with loaded rifles and shotguns. Craft said and prayed incessantly, censing only when visitors came in. Several excommunicants exhorted him, but he was guilty, he confesses, to which he said: "In the sight of God I am innocent, and if I were I would not get God to forgive me." He forgave all who injured him, even those who were afraid of him, and hoped all will go to heaven." He gave a message for Neal, who was in the Lexington jail, saying he hoped he would meet him in heaven.

On the scaffold he prayed and sang, and delivered a rambling speech, saying that he was innocent and denounced Detective Jim Hefflin, Mann the murderer of the Cooke family, and the Leopold brothers.

L'ORIGINAL, Quebec, Oct. 12.—Frederick Mann, the murderer of the Cooke family, was hanged at 8 o'clock this morning, having waited a solid hour for his execution to begin. He had been condemned to death by the Rev. Mr. Phillips, his spiritual adviser, marched through the courtyard to the gallows. Mann preserved a calm demeanor and ascended the steps leading to the scaffold without faltering. He stopped upon the fatal trap door with firmness and carefully inspected it. While the executioner was pinching his legs Mann wore a cheerful smile. He said good-bye to his attendants, and seemed resigned to his fate. The Rev. Mr. Phillips offered up a prayer at the conclusion of which the crowd was stamping. In view of a former mistake the executioner took a moment to ascertain the pulse of Mann's heart again. He died apparently without a struggle. He had credited with having saved his life the man who had cut off his arm. It is only his step and leap from a sinful world to an eternity of love." This morning he joined heartily in the devotional exercises, singing with the choir.

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